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Journal of Schr. Era

June 25.th 1895

Hove up anchor at Eleven oclock and towed to sea by Tug Nellie. who left us at Three oclock. after clearing up the deck we chose boats crews and set the watches for the night Schr. steering S. E. wind N. E.

June 26.th

Begins with cloudy weather and a moderate breege from from E. N. E. At 5 A.M. spoke a three masted Schr. bound to N. W. Crew employed scraping Fore and Main booms and straightening up generaly Middle and Latter part Foggy weather and variable winds

June 27.th

Begins with light airs from the Eastward Employed rigging boats. also in breaking out Watch and provisions
Water Kaisens
Middle and latter part showers and variable winds vessel on alternate tacks working to the Eastward Saw a Str. and a Schr to day

Lat — 39. 49. N.
Long. 68 " 53. W

Capt Geo. Comer Master 1895

June 28th "

Begins with moderate breeze from Eastward, Employed rigging boats and also at work on the rigging Middle part heavy showers & and wind hauling to S.S.E. the vessel steering E.N.E.
Latter part wind hauling more to South, and weather clearing Saw a Steamer and a Bark.
No Observations to-day

June 29th "

Begins with a light breeze from the N. N. W. and a thick fog. Crew employed on the boats and rigging
Middle and latter parts wind from the same quarter and a little stronger, saw 3 steamers and a Bark steering to the Westward, also at 6 P.M saw pilot boat Alexander N.
Era steering E. by N. 20 ends this day.

June 30th "

Commences with a light breeze from the North, vessel steering E. by N when possible
Middle and latter part calm

Lat. 41 " 25, N.
Long. 60 " 56. W.

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July 1st.

Begins with a strong breeze from
Beef. S.S.E. and heavy rain squalls.
Vinegar. Middle part thick fog and wind
hauling to Westward.
Latter part variable winds and
steering to Eastward.
Broke out Beef and vinigar to-day

Lat. 42.02. N.
Long. 62.00

July. 2nd.

Begins with a fresh breeze from N.E.
Employed Breaking out Starboard side
of Main hold and other ship
duties. Middle and latter part
mid light and vessel steering
East by N. Lat. 42.31 N.
Long. 62.00. W.

July 3rd.

Begins with a light breeze from West.
Saw a school of Killers and several
Water. Humpbacks.
Sugar. Crew employed breaking out provisions
Middle part fresh breeze
Latter part wind getting lighter
and still to the Westward.
Saw a vessel to the South of us. so
ends this day. Steering E. and E by N.
Lat. 43.08. N.
Long 60.00. W.

On passage to Hudson Bay.

July 4th "

Begins with a moderate breeze from the Westward.
Employed abo work on the rigging and also putting up cutting pennants
This day Capt. made a change in the officers, by having Mr Borden take the place of the 3rd Mate Mr Brass'd. as he was not considered competent to fill a 3rd Mates place and being perfectly willing to give up the watch,
Mr. Borden to have the 1/35 lay.

Lat. 43.. 50 N.
Long. 55 " 53 W.

July 5th "

Begins with a thick fog and moderate breeze from N.W.
Middle and latter part the same
Employed at work on rigging and boats. Steering E. by. N and E. N. E.
4 P.M. sounded and found about 48 fathoms. at 7 P.M sounded and found about 40 fathoms. at 8 P.M. changed our course to E. S. E. to steer clear of Virgin Rocks distant 120 miles. So ends this day.

Log-Book of Schr. Era. Capt Comer.

July 6th.

Comes in with a fresh breeze and clear weather from the Westward at 6 A.M hauled up and shaped our course for Cape Spear N.F. raised the land at 2 P.M. at 8 P.M the light at Cape Spear bearing N by W. distant about 8 miles took in light sails at dark. hoping to see a fisherman to send letters by. Wind puffy and Era heading off shore. Sent up crows-nest to-day. Saw a ground Iceberg about 20 miles S. of Cape Spear. also 2 small peices of floating ice.

John (boatsteerer) off duty. Sick.

July 7th.

Commences with a fresh breeze from W. At 6 A.M. passed an iceberg also saw 2 more at 3 and 5 P.M. Vessel under easy sail steering N.E. by N. 20 ends.

Lat 49.40 N.

Long. 51.50 W.

July 8th.

Water cask Flour 6 bbls. Begins with a light wind from S.E. Employed breaking out provisions, and setting up Fore rigging.

Middle and Latter part thick fog. and moderate breeze. Steering N.E. by N.

No observation to-day.

Passage from New Bedford to Hudson Bay.

July 9th

A light breeze from Westward and a thick fog in the first part.
Employed scraping masts, and finished Fore-mast Fore-top-mast, Fore T. G. mast. Mainmast and fore and Main Gaffs, Middle part calm. passed 4 or 5 pieces of ice. Latter part thick fog with the wind S. Steering N.E. by N.

Lat. 51 .. 32. N.
Long. 51 .. 34. W.

July 10th

Begins with a fresh breeze from S.W. at 6 A.M. a 4 masted Steamer passed us bound to the Westward.
Middle part strong breeze and thick fog. steering N.E. by N.
Latter part took in sail and hove to on port tack heading W. by N. passed one iceberg and one piece of ice to-day. No observation.

July 11th.

Commences with a strong breeze from W.N.W. increasing in the middle of the day. Latter part wind moderating. but a heavy swell running steering N.N.E.

Lat. 55. 09. N.
Long. 51 .. 53. W.

Log of Schr. Era. Capt. Comer

July. 12

Slops. Water.

Commences with a light breeze from W. and a heavy swell from N.W. Employed breaking out Slops and provisions. also sent up our cross nest to-day. Middle and Latter part wind hauling more to the S. and the vessel steering N. by E. Lat. 56 ° 27 N. Long. 52 ° 07 W.

July. 13th.

Begins with a light wind from S.E. Changed the Stern and Waist boats to-day. Middle part calm. Employed at work the rigging. Latter part cloudy weather and wind very light from the Eastward Steering N. Lat. 57 ° 58. N. Long. 53 ° 20. W.

July. 14th.

Begins with a light wind from the S.E. vessel under all sail steering North Latter part the wind breezing up a little and steering N. ½ W. So ends this day

Lat 59.09. N.
Long 55,29. W.

July. 15th

Commences with a fresh breeze from S.W. Employed coiling lines, and rigging the boats for whaling,
Latter part wind moderating and hauling more to Westward.

Lat. 60 ° 23. N.
Long. 58 ° 35. W.

On passage to Hudson Bay.

July. 16th.

Begins with a light breeze from S.E. vessel steering N
At 12. A.M. raised an iceberg and at
Beef. 4 A.M. Plenty of ice in sight,
at 8 A.M hauled aback and lay off
and on the ice until 4 P.M. when
we headed for the ice and started
for the straits working throug heavy
ice. "

July. 17th "

Fog Begins with a strong breeze from the
S.E. At 3 A.M we found the ice very
heavy, and closly packed, wore ship
and headed out of the ice again.
Middle part thick fog.
Latter part very thick weather, still
working out toward the open water
which we found about 9 P.M.

July 18th "

Begins with a fresh breeze from
Fog. S.E. Era lying aback outside of
the thickest ice
Middle and latter part mind
the same and a thick fog.
Employed making some riddle
tackels and some new fib and
Flying fib sheets. " 20 ends

July. 19th "

Comes in with a very thick fog and
Fog the wind still S.E. vessel laying
aback on alternate tacks wanting
for clear weather.
Middle part clear,
Latter part fog. nothing of note
today. 20 ends.

Lat 61 " 26. N.
Long. 60 " 59. W.

Log of Schr. Era. Capt Conner.

July. 20th.

Fog

Commences with a calm and thick fog. Middle part weather clearing some, and plenty of bergs scattered around.

Latter part slight air from Westward. Vessel lying around keeping clear of the ice. Scraped M. Top. mast today at Sunset a vessel in sight on our weather beam. Lat. 61.. 22. N.

Long. 60.. 45. W.

Sunday. July. 21st.

Fog

Begins with a Calm and thick fog Middle part clear, stood in Eastward the ice Latter part wore around and let the vessel lay heading to the Eastward: light air from S S.E.

Lat 61.04 N.

Long. 61.00 W.

Monday July. 22nd.

Fog

Flour. Water Rice Vinegar.

Begins and ends with a thick fog, and a light air from S. E. Cut over Fore stay sail and painted Fore yard also broke out provisions and water to-day.

No. observation to-day.

Tuesday July. 23td.

Begins with a thick fog and a light air from Eastward.

Fog

Middle and latter part the same. Steering to the Westward when the fog lifts and stopping in the fog. Plenty of large icebergs.

Variously employed. 20 ends.

No. obs.

On the passage to Hudson Bay.

Wednesday July 24th.

Begins with a moderate breeze from N.E. and partly clear weather at 5 A.M. kept off and steered N.W. by N. through the ice (which was quite open), for the Straits
Fog. at 3. P.M. raised land to the W.N.W. which we called Button Islands, and then at 4-30 hauled up for Resolution Isl Steering N.N.E. Latter part thick fog Hove-to at 8 P.M. and lay aback waiting for the fog to lift.

Thursday July 25th.

Commences with a N.E. wind and a thick fog. at 4 A.M. we touched lightly on a sunken rock. there were several small Islands around and the fog so thick that we could not see where we were, got out a
Fog kedge anchor and hove the vessel off without damage, and then came to anchor in 7 fathoms of water. At 1 P.M. lifted our anchor and hauled off into 9½ fathoms. Latter part wind N and fog clearing a little. No observation.

Friday July 26th

Begins and ends with a calm and thick fog. Employed at work in
Fog. the hold breaking out and shifting around things generaly.
Got a Lat. and Long. by means of artificial Horizon and found we were on the North side of Frobisher Bay. Still lying at anchor.

Lat.

Long.

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Sat. July. 27th.

Comes in with a calm and thick fog
Still lying at anchor in Frobisher Bay.
Lowered Starboard boat and went
gunning.

Sunday July. 28th.

Begins with a thick fog and wind to the
Eastward at 1 A.M the fog lifted and we
took our anchor and steered out into clear
water, then shaped our course for Resolution Isl.
Latter part, thick again, some ice. and
Era steering S.W. by S.

Monday July 29th.

Comes in with fairly clear weather
at 6 A.M raised the land supposed to
be Resolution Island, hauled up for it
and have been sailing by it all day
under all sail, and a moderate breeze
At sunset the Island bearing N
and distant about 15 miles.
plenty of ice in sight but quite
open. No observation to-day

Entered the Straits.

Tuesday July 30th.

A beautiful day the wind to Northward
and a light breeze
Passed lower Savages in the morning
Middle part employed breaking out water
and painting ironwork etc. also put black
tops on the boats.
Latter part wind hauling to Westward
and Era steering N by W. through the ice.
Several large icebergs also considerable loose
ice scattered around. so ends.

Water

In Hudson Straits.

July 31st.

Middle Savages
Natives on board

Comes in thick with a thick fog and wind to Westward the fog clearing at 5 A.M. at 6. A.M. when about 10 miles N.E. of Middle Savage Islands five boat loads of natives came on board, and we did considerable trading with them.
At 10 A.M. natives went ashore, and we continued on our way working through the ice up the Straits Latter part wind breezing up

Aug 1st

Beef.
Pork.

Begins with a light breze from Westward vessel beating up through the leads towards North Bluff. Overhauled both of our cables to-day.
Latter fresh breeze from same quarter so ends

Aug. 2nd.

Begins with a light air from N.W. Ice growing less all the time. Big Island in sight, also Middle Savages at 4 P.M bearing N.N.E. about 20 miles distant.
Latter part wind hauling to S.W. and about a four knot breze. vessel under all sail.

Aug. 3th.

A light breze from S.E.
Flour.
Coffee.
Sugar.
D. Apples.
Water.
All sail on and working through the ice off Big Island.
At 7 A.M. Raised a vessel in the ice away off shore. with all sail furled latter saw her under all sail and working to the Northward
Employed in the hold fleeting water aft. and breaking out provisions
Latter part unsettled weather and wind increasing. Era hauled aback under short sail to wait for daylight.

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Bk. Loady Head.

Aug. 4th.

Begins with a strong breeze and clear weather from S. E. Era working her way to N. W under easy sail.
At 1 P. M. sent Larboard Boat with letters aboard the English Bk. Lady Head 54 days out from London bound to Fort Moore. James Bay.
Latter part less ice and more moderate from same quarter.

Aug. 5th.

Begins with a moderate breeze from S. E.
At. 7.30 A. M. got struck in the ice and made fast to a large piece.
At 5 P. M. made ~~fast~~ sail again and trying to work through ~~Notingham~~ Salisbury Island bearing W. distant about 25 miles.

Aug. 6th.

Very fine weather still jammed in the ice off Salisbury Island

Aug. 7th.

Light air from S. E.
Still jammed in the ice.

Aug. 8th.

Water. At 3 A. M got out of the ice and into clear water. Wind being light and from Eastward. vessel under all sail and steering to the Westward.
Middle and latter part light wind from same quarter.

Lat. 62.54 N.
Long. 76.06. W.

In Hudsons Straits

Aug. 9th.

Begins with a light air from Eastward
Vessel under all sail steering N.W. by N.
Middle part same.
Latter part wind hauling to N.W. close-
hauled and trying to get by Cape
Wolstenholme. some ice to the North of us.
Various employed.

Aug. 10th.

Commences with a light breeze from Eastward
with a light rain.
Middle part weather clearing and wind,
increasing from same quarter.
Latter part same. Mansfield Island
in sight at 8 P.M distant 25 miles
Steering N.W by N. No ice in sight.
Lat 62 " 56, N.
Long. 78 " 54. W.

Aug 11th.

Begins with a fresh breeze from N.E.
At 12 M. passed Cape Pembroke and entered
Fisher Straits.
Latter part good breeze from same quarter
Lat 63 " 01 N.
Long. 83 " 16 W.

Aug. 12th.

Begins with a strong breeze from the
North. At 4 A.M. stopped running
and hauled up on Starboard tack for
Southampton Island.
Middle part wind same at 7 P.M.
tacked ship and stood to westward
the Island bearing N.E. distant 5 miles
Lat 63.05 N,
Long. 85 " 30 W.

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Aug. 13th.

Water. Commences with a moderate breeze from the Northward. vessel under all sail beating up off Southampton Island At Sunset, Cape Kendal bearing N.W. ½ N. distant 12 miles. a very fine whaling day We bent our lines and got the boats all ready for whaling to-day.

Aug. 14th.

Begins with a moderate breeze from Eastward and cloudy weather.

At 3 P.M. arrived at whale Point where we saw Bk. Canton. at anchor. putting supplies ashore. spoke her, and gave her the mail she having taken 80 bbls sperm oil since leaving New Bedford.

Whale Point. Bk. Canton. 80 bbls Sperm

Latter part, strong breeze from same quarter shortened sail. and cruising for whales.

Raining nearly all day.

Aug. 15th.

Strong breeze from N.E.

Cruising off Whale Point. at 3 P.M. & a boat load of natives came on board and staid until 8 P.M.

Latter part wind moderating but water quite choppy. Canton in sight to the North of us cruising.

Aug. 16th.

A strong breeze from N.E.

Middle part considerable rain and thick weather. Latter part strong breeze cruising back and forth along the land waiting for the natives to come on board.

Bk. Canton in sight off shore.

In Hudson Bay.

Aug. 17th.

Strong breeze, and very rough water.
Beating up along the land.
Latter part wind moderating a little
but still N. E.

Aug. 18th.

Hove-to in a moderate gale from N. E.
Latter part wind more moderate made
a little sail. Bk. Canton in sight
to the Leeward. Whale Point about 10
miles to S. W.

Aug. 19th.

Comes in with a moderate gale from N. E.
Middle part moderating.
Latter part light breeze, and vessel under
all sail working toward Whale Point.
Whale Point bearing at 7 P. M. N. by E.
distant about 10 miles. Bk. Canton
in sight to Leeward also beating up.

Aug 20th.

Water
Beef
Pork
Beans
Peas
Rice
Flour,

Begins with a light breeze from N. E.
at 7 A. M. took a boat load of natives aboard
and started for Cape Fullerton. at 9 A M.
spoke Bk A. K. Tucker, and we delivered
her mail. then kept off again and at
2 P. M. anchored at Cape Fullerton in 9
fathoms of water. after coming to anchor
employed breaking out water and provisions.

Aug. 21st

Laying at anchor at Cape Fullerton, at 11 A. M. hove up
anchor and went farther up the Bay.
Employed breaking out, and landing provisions
ashore. also put up a beacon on one of the
small Islands near the anchorage.
Wind moderate, weather dark and cloudy.

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Aug. 22nd

Laying at anchor at Cape Fullerton
Employed Setting up casks, and putting provisions ashore. Our natives left us and went to Whale Point to-day.

Aug 23th

Wind South. Laying at anchor.
Employed stowing off the Hold.

Aug. 24th

Still anchored at C. Fullerton.
Finished setting up casks and stowed off the hold. Also got one cask of water from shore. Wind S. E. and foggy.

Aug. 25th

Begins with a thick fog and wind S. E. Capt. went ashore and put up a beacon marking the entrance to the anchorage

Aug. 26th.

Still at anchor. Wind S. E. and thick fog. Set up Jibboom Guys. to-day, also landed 2 Whale-boats and 6 Sks. salt on the beach.

Aug. 27th.

Begins with a very strong breeze from S. E. and heavy rain. In the morning got one cask of water from shore.
Middle and latter part no change in the weather.

Aug. 28th

Blowing a gale from Eastward, and much rain.

Aug. 29th

Still a strong breeze from Eastward at anchor waiting for a chance to go out. This morning one boats crew ashore looking for deer — no luck.

In Hudson Bay.

Aug. 30th.

A strong breeze from Eastward.
Still at anchor. Latter part wind more moderate.

Aug. 31st.

Comes in with a light breeze from N.N.E.
At 7 A.M. took our anchor, and made sail for Depot Island. Middle part moderate breeze Latter part breeze freshening and hauling to Southward. and a thick fog.
At 7 P.M. sounded and found 21 fathoms water. then tacked and headed to Eastward

Sept. 1st.

A moderate breeze from S.S.E.
At 9. A.M passed by Depot Island and stood to Southward At 12. M. tacked again and stood along to Eastward. a splendid whaling day but nothing in sight.
Latter part wind light. and vessel under all sail heading for Whale Point.

Depot Island

Lat 63.. 33 N.
Long. 89 .. 56. W.

Sept. 2nd.

Begins with a thick fog. and mid East Middle part clear. and mid hauling to S.E.
At 10 A.M. 3 boats loaded with natives come on board and stopped a little while. them we braced forward and worked up toward Whale Point.
Latter part mid freshening and the weather looking bad we run in at 8 P.M. and anchored, at Cape Fullerton A vessel in sight to South of us.

Cape Fullerton.

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Sept 3rd.

A strong breeze from N.E. At anchor in Era Harbor. In forenoon went ashore and built a beacon of stone and planted a waif on it marking the entrance to the harbor. One boat-load of natives come on board to-day
Three Bks. in sight off shore

Sept. 4th

Still at anchor. Wind from Eastward and blowing a gale. at 3.30 PM. dropped our second anchor. 3 vessels out-side trying to work in the harbor, but too much wind.

Sept. 5th.

Still blowing a heavy gale from E.N.E. Laying at anchor. two anchors down and 75 fathoms chain out.

Sept. 6th

Another blow to day still lying at anchor in Era Harbor. Broke out water and provisions to-day. Thick and rainey

1 Bbl. Beef.

Sept. 7th.

A heavy gale from E.N.E. both anchors down and 90 fathoms chain out.

Sept. 8th.

Still blowing heavy from N.E. with some snow.

Sept 9th.

Still blowing fresh from N.E.
This morning our natives come on board and brought us some Deer meat and Salmon

In Hudson Bay.

Sept. 10th.

Comes in with a moderate breeze from the Eastward.

At daylight took our anchors and went outside.

Middle and latter part wind the same. Era under all sail, working up to Whale Point.

Sept 11th.

Begins with moderate breeze from Eastward with light snow-squalls.

At 8 A.M. passed close by Whale point, and then worked up tack and tack, to Yellow-bluff.

Latter part wind light, and vessel steering to-ward Depot Isl.

Have seen nothing to-day but lots of Jumping seals.

Sept. 12th.

Comes in with very nice weather. Wind from Eastward. the finest day we have had.

At 2 P.M. saw A.R. Tucker and Capt West came on board for a few minutes. his vessel having lost a boat in the recent gale.

Latter part calm

Lat. 63.25
Long. 90.15.

Sept 13th.

Begins with a strong breeze from W.S.W.

At daylight Depot Island in sight.

At 7 A.M kept off for Whale Point, and at Noon the wind, have the appearance of a gale we ran in and anchored at Era Harbour

Latter part light rain.

Opened Slop-cask to-day

Slops

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Sept. 14th

At anchor at Cape Fullerton.
In the mornig went ashore and made our beacons larger, and put signals on them.
In the Latter part wind light from N.W. One boats crew employed sounding the harbor.

Sept. 15

A fresh breeze from the N.E. still at anchor the weather squally and a low barometer.

Sept 16

Comes in with a strong breeze from the North. At 6 A.M. hove up anchor and got under weigh Middle part wind moderating
Latter part light airs from N.E. at sunset Whale Point bearing N.E distant about 8 miles.

Sept. 17th.

Begins with a light wind from N.W. At 8 A.M. Lowered for three bowheads. the Starboard boat struck one and we got it alongside at 1 P.M. At 5 P.M began to cut we carried away one of the cutting blocks, but managed to get the head ~~that~~ and one lip. stopped cutting at 12 o'clock. the weather getting bad. Lost some of throat bone.

Longest bone 11 ft 6 in.

Sept. 18th

Strong breeze and heavy swell from N.W. At 7 A.M. began to cut our body and finished at noon then made sail and started for Era harbor. in meantime busy cleaning decks.

In Hudson Bay.

Sept. 19th.

A strong breeze and heavy swell from S.E. at 7 A.M raised the land off Cape Fullerton, and at 10 A.M. anchored at Era harbor All hands busy cutting up blubber and starting the try-works and taking out bone.

Sept. 20th.

At anchor busy boiling, and stowing oil Strong breeze and some rain from S.E.

Sept. 21st.

Still at anchor. Finished boiling at dark At 1 P.M. 2 boats belonging to the Bk. Perseverance came on board on their way down ~~to~~ from Whale Point, to the vessel which has gone into winters quarters 30 miles south of Depot Island.

Sept. 22nd.

92 bbls. Whale Oil. Pork. Laying at anchor in Era Harbor Employed stowing down oil and cleaning ship Calm nearly all day.

Sept. 23rd.

Bk. Canton. Begins with a light breeze from Eastward at 7 A.M. took our anchor and beat out of the harbor. raised the Bk Canton. and gammed her for a little while then started for Whale Point. Canton had taken one whale on 14th. Latter part calm.

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Sept 24th

Begins with a light breeze from Westward with quite thick snow-squalls. steering E. N. E. Middle part fresh breeze at 2 P.M. raised a Bowhead off Yellow Bluff, lowered 2 boats but did not see the whale again Bk. Canton in company with us all day Latter part strong breeze, hauling toward the North.

Sept. 25th

Wind to the Northward. Cruising of Yellow Bluff in company of Canton. At. 4 P.M. spoke the Canton, strong breeze from North.

Sept. 26th

Begins with a light breeze from N.E. Vessel cruising off Yellow Bluff a fine day but nothing in sight Latter part calm at 7 P.M off Whale Point the boat belonging to Bk. Perseverance come on board. having just got back from Repulse bay had been there 2 months and taken one small whale. Later spoke Bk. Canton.

Sept. 27th

A light breeze from Westward steering for Cape Kendall in company with Bk Canton. in afternoon wind increasing. headed back again for Whale Point. in evening light squalls of snow and rain

Sept. 28

7 bbls Flour

Begins with a light breeze from N.E. vessel beating up off Whale Point. at 10 A.M. saw Canton chasing a whale but without success. Middle part calm. and then breezing up strong from Westard. At. dark Capt Poole come on board. opened a cask of flour today

In Hudson Bay.

Sept. 29th "

Comes with a calm, later breezing up from N.W. Middle part string breeze from SW. with snow-squalls.
Latter part trying to work to Eera Harbor in company with Bk. Canton, very strong breeze.

Sept. 30th "

Comes in with a fresh gale from South at daylight called all hands and took guns, lines, and sails, out of the boats, then kept off for Eera Harbor, but the weather being so thick could not make out the entrance, so hauled off shore again at 6. P.M. still blowing and a heavy swell stood into the land again, but could see no chance to get in.

Oct. 1st "

Begins with the wind still blowing a gale from the S. E with a light rain. Still working back and forth off Cape Fullerton, Middle and latter part wind moderating some but still a heavy sea running. Bk Canton in sight to the leeward of us.

Oct. 2nd "

Comes in with a moderate breeze from S. At 7 A.M spoke Canton, and hailed the land, both vessels then headed for it which proved to be Arhale Point.
Middle and latter part vessel under all sail beating towards Eera Harbor.

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Oct. 3rd

Comes in with a fresh breeze from N.E. At daylight in company with Canton, steering for Era Harbor. at 12. M. wind all died out and we towed into the harbor Canton sending three boats to help us tow. In the afternoon we sent three boats and helped tow the Canton in, and anchored her a 6 P.M.

Oct. 4th "

Light wind from N. E.

bbl. Beef — Employed shifting coal in the run, also got one of the old boats from shore to use in the harbor. also got one cask of water from shore and broke out provisions

Oct. 5th "

N.E. wind " and cold " ice making fast Filled up fore peak with coal and got a cask of water from shore.

Oct. 6th "

Strong N.W. wind " with snow-squalls.

Oct. 7th "

Strong Northerly winds
Employed stowing off the hold for winter

Oct. 8th "

Strong wind from North with snow-squalls filled up several casks with coal and stowing off the hold " Let go second anchor.

Oct 9th "

bbl. Molasses. — Fine weather light wind from N. Employed pumping out salt water and stowing off the hold.

In Winter Quarters.

Oct. 10th.

Begins with a moderate breeze from N. E. with light snow. At daylight hove up small anchor. Employed pumping out salt water and stowing the hold for winter, and finished. At 4 P.M. blowing a gale from N. E. and snowing let go Port anchor.

Oct. 11th.

A fine day, with a moderate breeze from N. N. W. At daylight took our Port anchor up off the bottom. One boats crew ashore gunning, and another one fishing.

Oct. 12th.

Easterly wind, and cold

Oct 13th.

Northerly wind with snow in morning, Latter part strong breeze clear, and cold,

Oct. 14th.

Fresh breeze from N. W. cold and blustering All hands went ashore and cut ice, which was 8 inches thick

Oct. 15th.

Light breeze from Northward, warmer All hands went ashore ice-cutting Cantons crew also cutting on same pond.

Oct. 16th.

Begins with a strong breeze from N. W. at 8 A. M went ashore and finished our ice cutting. 800 cakes, in all, about. 100 tons.

Oct. 17th.

A strong breeze from N. W. and cold, air filled with frost-smoke.

Bread Pork. At dark let go small anchor.

Opened a cask of bread (old gals) and a bbl. of pork.

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Oct. 18th.

A fresh breeze from N. W. clear and cold.
Thermometer 4 above Zero.

Oct. 19th.

Fine weather, light breeze from N. W.
In afternoon got a load of ice from shore
10 above Zero.

Oct 20th.

Begins and ends with fine weather, a light breeze from N.W. and a little warmer.

Oct. 21st.

Strong breeze from. Northward, and a little warmer, light snow-squalls.

Oct. 22nd.

A fresh breeze in morning from N.N.E.
Latter part. wind increasing and hauling to East. at 4 P.M hove up our anchors and moved farther up the bay. then anchored again with both anchors in 9 fathoms of water. at dark snowing quite hard. One boats crew went ashore to-day and cut some clear ice for double-windows to our house on deck.

Oct. 23rd.

A light breeze from North. and quite warm light snow-squalls.

Oct. 24th.

Light breeze from Northward. Employed making sleds. got two boat-loads of ice

Oct. 25th.

Light N. W wind with snow-squalls.
still at work on sleds.
At dark sent a boat ashore and brought off some of the natives with some meat and salmon. The natives not having been very successful in their deer-hunting this year.

In Winter Quarters.

Oct. 26th

A light breeze, and fine weather from Northward. several natives aboard, and brought some salmon,

Oct. 27th.

A moderate wind from North, a little colder. the bay has been skimmed over nearly all day. with ice.

Oct. 28th.

A moderate breeze from N. N. W. fine weather and the ice still making slowly in the bay. Thermometer 12 deg. above Zero.

Oct. 29th.

A light wind from N. W. a little colder To-day the natives came off to the vessel on the ice for the first time and brought some salmon.

Oct. 30th.

A Light breeze from Northward with light-snow-squalls. Went ashore with the natives & caught a few salmon.

Oct. 31st.

Fine weather, got 2 sled loads of ice from shore, also hove up small anchor and hove in some of the chain on the other,

Nov 1st.

A light wind and cloudy weather from Eastward.

Molasses. Sugar. Took up our anchor and hove the vessel ahead, and placed her for the winter with her head to the North Natives came on board and brought some deer-meat.

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Nov. 2nd.

Stormy weather, wind from the South. quite warm, and snowing nearly all day

Nov. 3td.

Comes in with a Southerly wind and warm weather. light snow throughout the day. In the morning hauled the vessel a little farther ahead.
At 9 A.M. saw 2 bears on the land, the Capt. and the natives started for them and shot 3. two large, and one small one.

Nov. 4th.

Light weather, not much wind, and quite warm Have been hauling off boards from shore, and have started to build the house over the Schooner. about finished with the frame-work.

Nov. 5th.

A strong breeze from N.E. with snow-squalls All hands busy getting lumber from shore and building our house.

Nov. 6th.

1 Bbl. Pork. Still blowing from N.E.
Employed on the house.
Opened one bbl. Pork. also took both anchors on the bow as there is no danger of the ice breaking up again.

Nov 7th

Moderate breeze from N.E.
Working on our house

Nov 8th.

Light wind from the North, and cold with light snow-squalls.

Nov 9th.

Wind from South and snow-squalls
Latter part wind hauling to W.
Still at work on the house.

In Winter Quarters

Nov. 10th.

Blowing strong from the Westward and cold
Thermometer ranging at °12 Below Zero.

Nov. 11th.

Strong breeze from Westward. clear and cold
Ther. °18 Below Zero.

Nov. 12th.

Strong wind from S.S.E.
Put 2 Whale-boats ashore for the winter
also got a sled-load of ice
Ther. °14 Below Zero

Nov. 13

Fine weather a light wind from N.W. and cold. Put Starboard-boat ashore to-day.

Nov. 14th.

A gale of wind from Eastward with lots of snow - and drifting fast.

Nov. 15th.

~~Light~~ wind from S.E. and a light snow. at dark the balance of our natives come in from deer-hunting not having done very well.

Nov. 16th.

A fine day. Light wind from N. clear and cold. Employed banking up the Starboard side with snow also got 2 loads of ice from shore
Ther. °8 below Zero.

Nov. 17th.

Fine weather but cold.
Ther. °4 below Zero.

Nov. 18th.

Fine weather Employed banking up around the stern with snow.
Ther. 24 below Zero.

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Nov. 19th.

Fine weather. light wind from N.W.
very cold. Ther. 31° below Zero.

Nov. 20th.

Clear, cold, weather with a light N.W. wind
Pumped out the balance of salt-water
in the hold. Ther. -26° below Zero.

Nov. 21st.

Cask of Bread. Fine weather. Light wind from N.W.
Employed building a boat for the
natives. Opened a cask of bread.
Ther. 26° below Zero.

Nov. 22nd.

Light N.W. wind. got a load of
ice from shore.
Ther. 24° below Zero.

Nov. 23td.

Moderate breeze from N.E. clear and cold
Ther. 20° below Zero.
Several natives came to the Canton to-day

Nov. 24th.

Moderate weather, from N.E.
Ther. 16° below Zero.

Nov. 25th.

Fine weather light wind from N.W.
clear and cold Ther. 18° below Zero.
In morning myself (Mate) and Mr Weeks (13k Canton)
went on dog-sleds to Depot Island

Nov. 26

Clear, cold weather Ther. 16° below Zero

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Nov. 27th.

Fine weather. Light N.W. wind.
1 Bbl Pork
At 3-30 P.M. got back from Depot Island where we had been. and found all well on Bk A.R. Tucker. she had taken nothing this fall. Ther. 18 below Zero.

Nov. 28th.

Strong N W wind. had the natives come on board and gave them something to eat
Ther. 10 below Zero.

Nov. 29th.

Strong N.W. wind. snow blowing around the vessel in drifts. Employed making knives for trade Ther. 20 below Zero.

Nov. 30th.

Strong N.W. wind cold and blustering. in the warmest part of the day employed banking up on the Port side with snow. Ther. 19 below.

Dec. 1st.

Fresh breeze from North, and cold Ther. standing at 20 below Zero. all day.

Dec 2nd.

Clear and cold. Got 2 loads of ice from shore. also did some banking up around the vessel. Ther. 28 below Zero.

Dec 3td.

Fine weather. Light Westerly wind. clear and cold. Employed banking up the vessel. also set some cakes of ice up for windows to the house.
Ther. 28 below Zero.

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Dec. 4th.

Light wind from N. W. and warmer.
Employed banking up around the vessel.
Ther. at Zero.

Dec. 5th.

Light N. W. wind, and a little snow through the night.
Employed banking up. Ther. 18 below Zero.

Dec 6th

Fresh breeze from N W. cold and blustering. Employed all day in banking up the vessel Ther. 15 below Zero.

Dec 7th.

Fine weather light wind from North
Employed all day in banking up the vessel and finished Ther. 22 below Zero.
Mr. North came up from Depot Island to-day

Dec. 8th.

Fine weather clear and cold. Light wind from N. E. Ther. 18 below Zero.

Dec. 9th.

Fine weather. clear and cold
Employed getting ice from shore and putting snow on the deck.
Ther. 22 below Zero

Dec. 10th.

Good weather. Mr. North started for Depot Island this morning.
Bbl. Molasses. 4 men belonging to Bk Canton deserted the vessel, last night. at 3 P. M. one of them returned to the vessel
Ther. 25 below Zero.

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Dec. 11th.

Cloudy weather all day. Mr Weeks. (Mate of Bk Canton) started with a dog-sled. in search of the run-a-ways. early this morning.. Got a load of ice to-day. Ther. °18 below zero.

Dec. 12th.

A strong wind from S. Ee. and a light fall of snow. Ther. °4 above zero.

Dec. 13th.

Begins with a gale from North. and snowing hard. Middle part, clearing overhead, but the snow drifting badly. 2 of the deserters of Bk. Canton got here at 2-30 P.M. they having left the other man on the way, exhausted. Mr. Weeks (Mate of Canton) also got back from Depot Island. 10 below Zero.

Dec. 14th.

Clear and cold. in the morning started with some natives. and two dog-sleds in search of the missing man from Bk Canton. but was unsuccessful in our search. the snow having drifted badly through the night.

Ther °25 below Zero

Dec. 15th.

Clear and cold with a fresh N. W. wind. No news of the Canton's deserter, so have given up all hopes of ever seeing him again

Ther °32 below Zero.

Dec. 16th.

Clear, cold. weather with a light breeze from North. Ther. °32 below Zero

Dec. 17th.

Cloudy weather. with a light S. Ee. wind

Ther. °30 below Zero.

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Dec. 18th

Clear and cold with a light N.W. wind.
Ther. 24 below Zero

Dec. 19th.

Clear weather. Northerly wind
Ther. 34 below Zero.

Dec. 20th.

Clear and cold with a N. Wind
Ther. 28 below Zero.

Dec. 21st.

Begins with clear weather, a light wind from South. Latter part wind hauling to Eastward and setting in thick, with snow
Ther. 24 below

Dec. 22nd

Blowing a gale from Eastward, snowing hard, and drifting, Ther. 20 below

Dec. 23d.

Fine weather a light breeze from North-
Employed building a dog-sled
Ther. 22 below.

Dec. 24th.

Fine weather to-day. light wind from the Westward Ther. 18 below.

Dec. 25th.

Begins with fair weather and wind from N.W. Middle and Latter part wind hauling to N.E. and blowing a gale
Ther. 2 below.

Dec. 26th

Blowing strong from N.E. and the snow drifting badly. Latter part wind hauling to N.W. and fine weather Ther. 4 below.

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Dec. 27th.

Fine weather. light N. W. wind.
This morning several of the natives went off on a Musk-ox hunt. expecting to be gone 2 or 3 months. Ther. °9 below Zero.

Dec. 28th.

1 bbl. Pork.

Comes in with a light wind from S. E. and snowing. At 12 M. weather clearing wind the same °2 above zero.

Dec. 29th.

a light wind from S. E. and cloudy.
Ther. °12 below

Dec. 30th.

1 Cask & low 6 ffbs.

Comes in with a light wind from the Eastward. cloudy weather all day.
Ther. at °0.

Dec. 31st.

Strong breeze from E. N. E. all day.
Ther. °8 below Zero.

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Jan. 1st.

Commences the with a strong breeze from N.E.
Ther. 8° below Zero.

Jan. 2nd.

A strong Northerly wind, through the night blowing a gale, The ice broke off outside of the reefs and we lost the boat that we built for the natives to go sealing with Middle and Latter parts wind moderating
Ther. 10 below Zero.

Jan. 3rd.

Clear, cold, weather with a light wind from the Northward. Ther. 24 below

Jan. 4th

Clear and cold. quite a fresh breeze from the N.W. Ther. 32 below Zero.

Jan. 5th.

A light wind from N.W. and cold
Ther. 37 below.

Jan. 6th.

A light wind from North. got a load of ice from shore. Carpenter busy building a small boat for the natives
Ther. 40 below.

Jan. 7th.

A cold day. in the morning the glass standing at 42 below zero.
Latter part Wind N.E. and a little warmer.
A sled came up from Depot Island. and report all well on board of Bk. A.R. Tucker.

Jan. 8th.

A fresh breeze from the Eastward
Bar. very high. (30.7) Ther. 30 below Zero

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Jan 9th

Comes ish with a fresh breeze from Ee. and cloudy weather.
Latter part strong breeze hauling to S. Ee. and snowing. Ther. 14 below Zero.

Jan. 10th

A light wind from Ee. N. Ee. cloudy in the morning. but clearing at 12 M.
Ther. 10 below Zero.

Jan. 11th.

A light wind from Northward, and fine weather. Ther. 28 below Zero.

Jan. 12th.

Moderate weather, A light Easterly wind. and cloudy. Ther. 22. Below

Jan. 13th.

Fine weather. a light breeze from the North-ward, Ther. 30 below Zero.

Jan. 14th

Very fine weather. a very light wind from N. W. and very clear.
A very high Barometer 30.9 Ther. 32 below.

Jan. 15th.

Blowing quite hard from Westward
Ther. 28 below.

Jan. 16th.

Blowing a gale from Westward
Ther. 20 below.

Jan. 17.

Still blowing hard but wind hauling to the N. W. Ther. ~~22~~ 38 below.

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Jan. 18th.

Clear weather in the first part with the wind N.W.

Latter part wind hauling to South, and quite thick. Ther. 40 below.

Jan. 19th.

Light weather with a light air from the N.E. warmer Ther. 10 below.

Jan. 20th.

A Strong breeze from the N.W. and the air full of drifting snow. Ther. 26 below.

Jan. 21st.

Comes in with a strong breeze from W. and quite cold. Middle and Latter part no wind, and cloudy with very light snow 40 below Zero.

Jan. 22nd.

A fine day. Clear and cold with a a light breze from N.E. 32 below Zero.

Jan. 23d.

Another fine day. very light air from the Westward 39 below Zero.

Jan. 24th.

Light, changable, winds, and cloudy 32 below Zero

Jan. 25th.

Fresh breezs from Eastward, and cloudy 10 Below
Latter part blowing Strong from same quarter

Jan. 26th.

Blowing a Regular blizzard from the N.E. Ther. 18 below Zero.

This afternoon one of the men Joaquim Mol got lost from the vessel search was made but could find no trace of him at 8. P.M.

1 Bbl. Pork.
1 Cask Bread

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Jan. 27th.

Comes in with a light wind from North At 1-30 A.M. the man that was lost last evening found his way to the Canton. he was quite badly frozen in both feet one hand and face and ears. We brought him to our own vessel to-day 20° below zero.

Jan. 28th.

A light wind from the Southward with a light fall of snow. Ther. at 0°

Jan. 29th.

Through the first part strong wind from N.N.E. and snow drifting, Middle and Latter parts wind moderating and growing a little colder. Ther. 20° below

Jan. 30th.

Begins with a light air from Northward Middle and Latter parts wind hauling to the Eastward, with a light fall of snow. Ther. 32° below.

Jan. 31st.

Begins with a strong breeze from the Middle and Latter parts blowing a gale from same quarter 22° below Zero.

(Taken all-together January has been a good month, Fine weather nearly all the time. Average Thermometer 23° below 0

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Feb. 1st.

Begins with a strong breeze from N.E. Middle and Latter Parts wind moderating and fine weather. Employed running bullets for rifles. °22 below Zero.

Feb. 2nd.

Comes in with a fresh breeze from the Eastward. Latter part wind blowing quite strong from the same quarter. °8 below Zero.

Feb. 3th.

Begins with a gale from the Southward. In the afternoon wind hauling to S.W. and moderating some. °7 above Zero.

Feb. 4th.

A fine day, with light Northerly winds. and quite warm °15 below Zero.

Feb. 5th.

A strong blustering wind from E.S.E. and snowing all day. Ther. at 0.

Feb. 6th.

Fair weather. but a strong breeze all day, from the Eastward. Ther. °8 below Zero.

Feb. 7th.

A fresh breeze from the Eastward °16 below Zero

Feb. 8th.

A fine day light Northerly wind, and in the middle part quite warm. °8 below Zero.

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Feb. 9th.

In the first part fine weather. light wind from the N. E. increasing in the middle part to a strong breeze

Ther. °8 below.

Feb. 10th.

Begins with a gale from N. E. with the snow drifting quite badly. Latter part wind moderating to a light breeze.

1 Bbl. Beef.

°2 above Zero.

Feb. 11th.

A very pleasant day. with a light air from Northward. °14 below Zero.

Feb. 12th.

Another very pleasant day, with a light N. W. wind. °25 below Zero.

Feb. 13th

Begins with a moderate breeze from N. E. increasing in the afternoon, to a strong breeze. °26 below Zero.

Feb. 14th

A Strong breeze from the N. E. Moderating in the afternoon °20 below.

Feb. 15th.

A very pleasant day light N. W. wind and very clear. °25 below Zero.

Feb. 16th.

A cloudy day. with a fresh breeze from the Southward, increasing in the afternoon and snowing

°16 below Zero.

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Feb. 17th

Blowing a gale from the Eastward, with the snow drifting around the vessel.

7° below Zero.

To-day it was necessary to cut off two of the toes of Joaquim Most, the man who was frostbitten on Jan 26th.

Feb. 18th.

Blowing a gale from N. E. moderating at dark. and hauling to North.

20° below Zero.

Feb. 19th.

Comes in with the wind to the N.N.E. At 11 A.M. the vessel which had been listed by the heavy falls of snow, came up and righted, when we went to work and cut the rudder clear from all ice.

28° below Zero.

Feb. 20th.

Fine weather light air in the morning from the ~~North~~ changing in the afternoon to South.

22° below Zero.

Feb. 21st.

Fresh breeze from the Southward.

5° below Zero

Feb. 22nd.

Fine weather from the Northward, wind hauling in the afternoon to the Westward

23° below Zero.

Feb. 23th.

A fresh Westerly wind all day. clear, and cold.

32° below Zero.

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Feb. 24th.

A fine day. light N. W. wind, and clear weather. °28 below Zero.

Feb. 25th.

Blowing a gale from the Eastward with much snow drifting °10 below Zero.

Feb. 26th.

A strong breeze from the N.E. all day. °12 below Zero.

Feb. 27th.

A Moderate breeze from the Northward and clear weather. 18 below Zero.

Feb. 28th.

Fine weather, Clear, and Cold, with a light Northerly wind, °30 below Zero.

Feb. 29th.

Clear, and cold, with a light N. W. wind. °32 below Zero.

Average for the month of February. °16 below Zero.

March. 1st.

A fine day. Clear, and Cold. with a light Westerly wind 33 below Zero.

Mar. 2nd

Another fine day. clear and cold, light air from N. W. 18 below Zero.

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Mar. 3rd.

Fine weather, Wind from Westward in the morning, hauling to the Eastward in the afternoon.
At 6 P.M. A sled came up from Depot Island in charge of Mr. Worth and report all well on board of Bk. A.R. Tucker. °32 below Zero.

Mar. 4th.

Another fine day with a light Westerly wind °23 below Zero.

Mar. 5th.

Comes in with fine weather clear, and cold
At 8 A.M. Capt Conner started for Depot Island on a dog-sled; Mr. Worth the 1st. Officer of Bk. A.R. Tucker also returned to his vessel, at the same time.
Latter part wind hauling to the Eastward
Employed making covers for the boats.
°33 below Zero.

(1 Cask Bread)

Mar. 6th.

A fresh breeze from the N.E. and cloudy, all day. °33 below Zero.

Mar. 7th.

A strong breeze blowing all day from the N.E.
Capt. Conner got back from Depot Island to-day °28 below Zero.

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Mar. 8th.

Clear weather with a fresh breeze from the N.E. °30 below zero.

Mar. 9th

Fresh. N.E. and mid clear and cold °22 below Zero.

Mar. 10th

1 Bbl. Pork. Fair weather, with a light air from the N.N.W. °20 below Zero

Mar. 11th

Fine weather. clear. with a light N.W. wind °15 below Zero.

Mar. 12th.

Still fine weather, very clear. with a light breeze from ~~N.~~ N.W. °20 below Zero

Mar. 13th.

Comes in with a light breeze from the Westward. hauling to N.N.E. in the middle part. °14 below Zero.

Mar. 14th.

Another fine day, A light breeze from the Northward, and quite warm The natives go to the sloe nearly every day, but have very poor luck shooting seals. °4 below Zero.

Mar. 15th.

Fair weather light breeze in the morning from the North. hauling in the latter part to the Eastward. °20 below Zero.

Mar. 16th.

Cloudy weather with variable winds, and a light fall of snow. Got our boats off from shore so that we can be getting them ready for spring whaling °5 above Zero.

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Mar. 17th

Comes in with a strong breeze from the N.W. with the snow blowing.

°24 below Zero.

Mar. 18th

Blowing fresh from the Westward and quite cold. °33 below Zero.

Mar. 19th.

A strong Westerly wind, clear, and cold.

°28 below Zero.

Mar. 20th

Comes in with a fresh breeze from the N.E. and quite cold. °32 below Zero.

Mar. 21st.

A fresh breeze in the forenoon from the North, hauling in afternoon to W. N. W. and wind increasing

°30 below Zero.

Mar. 22nd.

Still blowing a strong breeze from the Westward. Clear, and cold, °24 below Zero.

Mar. 23rd.

A. strong Westerly wind.

°28 below Zero.

Mar. 24th.

A moderate breeze from the Westward

°28 below Zero.

Mar. 25th.

A fair day Clear, and, Cold, with a light wind from the Westward,

°28 below Zero.

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Mar. 26th.

A very fine day. with scarcely any wind. At noon one of our sleds came back from Musk ox hunting, they had very good luck and brought back 16 skins and some of the bones.

°28 below Zero.

Mar. 27th.

A fine day. with a light S. E. wind Employed cleaning our Musk ox skins The natives went off to the floe and shot 2 Walrus.

°10 below Zero.

Mar. 28th.

Comes in with a blizzard from the S. E. Carpenter busy repairing sleds for the Natives. °8 Above Zero.

Mar. 29th.

Still blowing strong from the West-ward. We are busy to-day cleaning skins. °7 below Zero.

Mar. 30th.

Good weather, but quite a fresh breeze from W. N. W. cleaning and drying Musk ox skins

°15 below Zero.

Mar. 31st.

A very fine day. light air from N. W. In the morning 3 sleds with Natives started off on a trip deer-hunting Myself (the mate) also went with them. Got off a cask of flour from shore. °20 below Zero.

Average temperature for the month of March at 7 A.M. °21½ below Zero.

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Wed. Apr. 1st.

Another day, N. W. wind and very fine weather, Opened a cask of flour to-day Took away the banking around the vessel to-day °20 below Zero.

Apr. 2nd.

Another fine day with light air from the Eastward, Employed clearing snow off of the deck, and hatches.

°23 below Zero.

(Opened a Cask of Flour.)

Apr. 3td.

Comes in with a fresh breeze from the N. E. At dark one sled came back from deer-hunting brought one deer The mate also came back on the same sled. °10 below Zero.

Apr. 4th.

Comes in with a light breeze from South. Cut the snow out around the stem to-day. One sled got in deer hunting and brought 6 deer. °8 above Zero.

Apr. 5th.

Thick and cloudy weather in the morning with a light wind from N. N. W. hauling in the middle part to W. and clear.

°8 above zero.

Apr. 6th.

A strong breeze from the South hauling in the latter part to S. W.

Ther. at °0.

Apr. 7th.

Begins with a fresh breeze from the N. E. Moderating in the middle part. and very fine weather. Several Natives came up from Depot Island late last night on the way to Whale Point, from the A. R. Tucker

Ther. at °0.

1 Bbl. Pork.

In Winter Quarters.

Apr. 8th.

A fresh breeze all day from the Eastward, One of our Natives (Ben) went and got his boat on a sled and brought it to the vessel.

°10 below zero.

Apr. 9th.

Blowing a strong blizzard from the Eastward A sled with Walter came here from Whale Point, bound to Depot Island

°4 below zero.

(offered a cask of Bread)

Apr. 10th.

Still blowing strong from the Eastward This afternoon our Natives that were off deer-hunting returned with 7 deer.

°15 below zero.

Apr. 11th.

Better weather clear with light winds from N. and N.W.

The Natives that were up here from Depot Island returned to-day

°12 below Zero.

Apr. 12th.

Begins with fine weather and a light breeze from the N.W. hauling in the latter part to the Eastward and cloudy.

°12 below zero.

Apr. 13th.

A moderate breeze from the S.E. Employed getting off casks from shore, and coopering the same In the Afternoon another one of our Natives got back, and brought us 5 Musk-ox skins Ther. at °0.

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Apr. 14th.

Blowing strong from the Eastward all day. Employed setting up casks. At 7 P.M. one of our Natives returned from Depot Island and reports they had seen a large whale there on the 13th inst.

.2 above zero.

Apr 15th.

Still a fresh Easterly wind Employed coopering casks and drawing off ice

Ther. at 0°

Apr. 16th.

Comes in with a light breeze from the Eastward hauling in the middle parts to the N.N.W.

Took off our hatches to-day for the first time this spring and broke out some of the hold, and stowed some casks for water,

°4 above zero.

Apr. 17th.

A very fine day with a light breeze from the Westward.

Employed at work on the boats, and in the hold

Apr. 18th.

A strong breeze from E.N.E.

Employed in the hold, also coiled our lines for the boats

At Noon one of our sleds came in from hunting and brought 5 Musk-on skins, 3 of them with head and legs on.

°2 Above Zero.

Apr. 19th.

Clear, with a light Northerly wind
Late in the evening a sled with Natives
came and brought in 9 Musk ox skins
2 above Zero.

Apr. 20th.

Strong breeze from the South and West
in the morning hauling to the N.W.
in the Afternoon.
Employed all day hauling off ice
with dogs for making water
In afternoon another one of our Natives
came back from hunting, and brought
10 Musk-ox skins 10 above Zero.

Apr. 21st.

A fine day. Employed hauling off
ice from shore, and working on
Musk-ox skins

Apr. 22nd.

Fair weather, with a fresh breeze
from the Northward,
Employed melting ice for
Summer use.

Apr. 23td.

1 bbl Pork.

A fresh breeze from the N. E. with
a light fall of snow.
Finished melting our ice to-day.
Have made 168 bbls of water.

Apr. 24th.

A pleasant day, with a moderate
wind from the Northward.
Brought off all four casks from
shore to-day.

Journal of Schr. Era.

Apr. 25th.

Fine weather, Light Northerly wind. Finished stowing off the hold. and dug trenches around the vessel.

Apr. 26th.

Another fine day. in the afternoon the wind getting to the N. E. breezing up toward night.

Apr. 27th

Light Northerly wind, Employed getting the boats ready for the floe.

Apr. 28th

Light wind from the Westward Working on the boats.

° ℄ below Zero.

We put a cask of bread and one bbl. of Molasses out on one of the small islands, to have while we are out to the floe.

Apr. 29th.

Comes in with a light S. E wind increasing to a strong breeze at night. Busily employed on the boats.

Apr. 30th.

Good weather. We took 2 of our boats and dragged them out on sleds, about 4 miles from the vessel to be near the water when there is a chance to launch them.

In Winter Quarters.

May 1st.

Good weather, to-day we hauled 2 more of our boats out to the same place as yesterday. Wind hauling from West to N. E. in the afternoon.

May. 2nd

Light wind from the Eastward. To-day the Natives hauled their 2 boats out and left them with our boats. We also took down the house we had built over the after part of the vessel and put some of the boards ashore.

May 3rd.

A fresh breeze from the Eastward in the first part; moderating in the evening.

May. 4th.

Light breeze from the Eastward Loosed out sails and dried them, and otherways employed getting ready to go to the floe to-morrow if the weather is favorable.

The Bk. Canton's crew went to the floe to-day.

1 Cask Bread.

May 5th

Strong Easterly wind, holding the ice inshore, so did not go out to the floe to-day.

An account of the Floe Whaling May 6th. to July 25th.

We went out to the ice May 6th. to live in the boats and cruise for whales. so much Easterly winds holding the ice in, we could not get our boats in the water until May 11th. saw nothing until May 22nd. when we saw 2 whales but it was very cold and blowing a strong breeze so we had no success with them.

May 25th. Capt Comer came to the Floe with his boat June 12th. Mate, 3rd Mate. and one Native boat went to Whale Point to cruise. leaving Capt. Comer, 2nd Mate, and a Native boat at Cape Fullerton.

Cruised at Whale Point until July 13th. and saw nothing then discharged the Native crew and returned to Cape Fullerton. In the meantime the 3 boats cruising there, saw but 3 whales June 18th. July 3rd. and 4th. the whales being wild had no success.

On July 14th. Capt. Comer. Mate. 3rd Mate and one Native boats crew. (4 boats) went to Manico Point Southampton Island staid there until July 25th when we got back to the vessel. saw no whales while there, but got about 125 lbs of bone from the Natives.

The ice broke up at Cape Fullerton July 23rd. and let both the Canton and Era. clear. The Canton lost anchors and put to sea, The Era dragged some, but did no harm The 2nd Mate was on board at the time and as soon as the wind moderated, took the anchors and dropped back again.

Bk. Perseverance (H.B. Co) got out of the ice July 6th.

Take it all, it has been a very unfortunate season for Floe-whaling, the ice being held in until late. so there were very few good cruising days. On July 3rd. Bk. Canton took a small whale (5½ ft bone) which was the only whale taken at the floe this year.

July 26th.

Comes in with light breezes from South and East
All hands Employed straightening out the hold and
getting the vessel ready for sea.
Bk Canton in sight off shore in the ice.

July 27th.

Strong N.E. wind blowing the ice into the Bay
so could not get out to-day.

July 28th.

Variable winds to-day with some rain
Employed scraping the masts.
So much ice in the Bay could not go
to- sea
2 Vessels in sight out in the ice.

July 29th.

Fresh breze from North. the Bay full of
ice so could not get out
Hove up our Starboard anchor to clear it
and dropped the Port one.
Set up some of the head-gear to-day

July 30th.

Light wind from S.W. lots of ice.
hove up Port anchor and dropped the Star-
board one scraped the Fore and Main
booms to-day.

July 31st.

Light airs and calms. The Bay full of
ice all day.
2 Vessels in sight in the ice.
Rigged the boats again to-day for shore
whaling at Whale-Point.

Aug 1st. to Aug. 12th.

3 Boats crews at Whale Point
cruising for whales but saw nothing

Got out of Winter Quarters.

Aug. 12th.
Comes in with a fresh breeze from the Westward
At 5 A.M. Capt Comer took the anchor and went to sea. steering for Whale Point to get the crew, that was there.
At 11 A.M. met the boats comming down from the Point, and hoisted them on board them started again, arrived there at 1 P.M. and the Natives came on board Bks. Canton, and A. R. Tucker in sight off the Point. had taken nothing while there. Opened a cask of Bread to-day.

Aug. 13th.
Moderate breeze from the Eastward.
At 7 A.M. the Natives and some of them came on board to take passage for Repulse Bay. 9 A.M. seeing nothing around the Whale Point we made sail for Repulse Bay.
At 8 P.M. a Native boat came to us that had just come from there and reported seeing 2 whales this morning.
Canton, and A.R. Tucker both in sight.

Aug. 14th.
Comes in with a strong breeze from the N.E. At 7 A.M. A boat-load of Natives came on board and we traded for some Musk-ox skins.
Strong wind all day, at dark the Schr. about 15 miles N. of Yellow Bluff.
Nothing in sight to-day.

Aug. 15th.

A strong breeze from the N E. in the morning. moderating at Noon.
At 2 P.M. raised a Bowhead lowered and struck to the Starboard boat.
towed the whale to the shore and at high tide began to take out the bone
Latter part calm.
Saw 2 whales to-day and plenty of feeds.

11ft. Bone.

Aug 16th

Light weather in the morning busy taking the bone to the vessel, and stripping off the blubber.
Latter part blowing strong from the N.E.
Saw a whale but did not chase him too much wind

Aug 17th.

Fresh breeze from N. E. moderating in the Afternoon nothing in sight to-day.

Aug. 18th.

Variable winds from N.W. to N.E. to-day
Went ashore and towed off our blubber
Put all the Natives ashore as the wind was unfavorable for going to Repulse Bay
At 10 P.M. ran off towards Whale Point.

Aug. 19th.

Calms and light Variable winds all day
Working between Yellow Bluff and Whale Pt.
Saw Bks. Desdemonia, and Platina, and recieved mail from them. The Desdemonia having taken 2 whales. and Platina clean.
Several natives came on board to-day.
We began to boil out our blubber to-day.

Aug. 20th.

Fresh S.W. wind. Busy boiling out our whale
4 Vessels in sight cruising.
We received on board the boats from Bk.
Desdemonias 2 whales, to take to New Bedford
for them. We also received 2 of the crew of the
same vessel for a passage home, they being too
old and unfit for duty.
The Natives report seeing 2 whales off Whale Pt.
Yesterday. finished boiling at 11 P.M.

Aug 21st.

Wind from the S.W. with a thick fog.
Employed stowing oil and cleaning the
vessel.
A boats crew of Natives came on board
at 5 P.M. from Whale Point.
3 Vessels in sight to day
Stowed 50 bbls of oil

50 Bbls Whale Oil.

Aug 22nd.

A fine day, cruising between Whale Pt.
and Yellow Bluff. but saw nothing
Bks. Canton, and, A K Tucker, in sight
At 4 P.M. spoke Bk A.K. Tucker, she
having taken nothing, had seen only
one whale since coming into Hudson
Bay. At 7 P.M. kept off to the N. Wind S.W.

Aug. 23rd.

Light breeze in the first part from the
South At 8 A.M. hove too at the place
we got the last whale, the Natives came
on board and report seeing 3 whales here
~~since~~ ~~the~~ on the 19th. close in shore
Latter part wind hauling to W.S.W. and
blowing fresh. At 6 P.M. spoke Bk.
Canton one small whale this season.

Aug. 24th.

Light winds and calms in the morning breezing up in the Afternoon from the Eastward At Sunset Bk Canton in sight with 2 boats down chasing a Bowhead.

Aug. 25th.

Comes in with a strong breeze from N.E. increasing to a gale, At 10 A.M. kept off for Whale Pt. to get more sea-room Hove-to off Whale Pt at 3 P.M. Carried away our Fore-Gaff, repaired it and set the sail again at 8 P.M. Weather moderating

Aug 26th.

A strong breeze in the morning from N. Moderating in the afternoon, there wind hauling to S.W. kept off to the North At dark the vessel about 20 miles N. of Yellow Bluff. 3 Vessels in sight to-day off Whale Pt.
A boats crew of Natives came on board.

Aug 27th.

Light airs from the N.W. in the first part At 1 P.M. We raised a small Bowhead lowered 3 boats but without success before we came on board saw 3 whales but they were very wild. Weather calm Latter part strong breeze from S.W. At dark the vessel about 5 miles South of Wager River.

Aug. 28th.

A Strong breeze in the first part from the S.E. increasing in the middle part to a moderate gale with rain all day.
Schr. at dark hove-to under short sail,

Aug 29th.

Still blowing a moderate gale from the Eastward with rain, and hail.
Schr. trying to hold on under short sail,

Aug 30th.

Blowing a gale from the Eastward, with rain and hail squalls.
At 2 P.M. about 4 miles East of Whale Point kept off for Cape Fullerton, got there at 6-30 P.M. and anchored in 14 fathoms.
At dark a vessel in sight off the harbor.

(Cape Fullerton)

Aug 31st.

Blowing strong from N.E. so did not go to sea to-day.
Employed on the rigging and sails. also stowed some salt-water in the hold for ballast, and got a cask of fresh water from shore, One boats went ashore, and shot a large deer.

Sept 1st.

Still at anchor. the wind blowing strong from the North
Employed breaking out provisions, and other ship duties.
2 Vessels in sight off shore trying to hold on.

Sept. 2nd.

Comes in with a strong breeze from N.N.E.
At 5 A.M. Took our anchor and went to
sea, working toward Whale Point
At 1 P.M. raised a bowhead to windward
of the vessel; lowered 3 boats but as
we had a strong breeze, and, the whale
going quick could not catch up with
the whale, went on board at 4 P.M.
and tried to work up with the vessel
and at dark the whale was off Whale Pt.
and about one mile to the windward of
the vessel.
A Bk. in sight to the South of us also
chased a whale at the same time but
without success.

Sept 3rd.

A strong breeze from N.E.
At 9 A.M. a boats crew of Natives came on
board, when a little to the North of Whale Pt.
At 3 P.M. saw a vessel, which appeared to be
cutting a whale, which are called Bk. A.K. Tucker.
Fog and rain squalls nearly all day.
At sunset weather moderating, we made sail
on the vessel to work to the Northward,
Unrigged our waist boat and let it go ashore
in charge of one of the Natives to be taken
care of

Sept. 4th.

A light breeze from N.E. At 10 A.M. raised a
large Bowhead lowered 2 boats and struck
the whale to the Larboard boat. got him
alongside at 3 P.M. and, and finished cutting at 12
P.M. Latter Part calm

Sept 5th.

A strong breeze from N.E. At 5 A.M. kept off to W.S.W. and went into Cape Fullerton and anchored to boil out our whale, at 5 P.M. anchored and started our try-works.
Bk. As R. Tucker in sight boiling

Sept 6th.

Light Easterly wind, busy boiling our blubber At 10 A.M. saw the Bks Perseverance and A.R. Tucker, The A.R. Tucker had colors set, we sent a boat to her, and brought back Capt Willard Mr Ashley (Mate) and 10 of the crew of Bk. Desdemonia, which went ashore on Sept 3rd. at 2-30 P.M. on the West side of Rocks Welcome. about 12 Miles North of Wager River, for a passage to New Bedford.

Sept 7th

Light airs from the S. E.
Employed boiling, and stowing oil.
Finished boiling at 5. P.M. also finished stowing oil in the night

300 6 gals Whale oil.

Sept 8th.

Comes in with moderate breeze from N E. at 5 A.M. called all hands and took our anchor, and went to sea, stowed some of the chain and washed off the vessel
Fog and rain squalls, through the day.
At sunset 50 miles S. of Cape Fullerton, steering S.S.E. for New Bedford.
Bk A.R. Tucker in sight steering more to the Southward,

Sept 9th.

A moderate breeze from E.N.E. vessel under all sail steering S.E. by S. and S.E. by E. Employed cleaning the vessel inside At 7 P.M. the S.W. end of Coats Island bearing East. distant 8 miles, weather light

Sept. 10th

A moderate breeze from the N.E. with heavy snow squalls
Latter part strong breeze from the same quarter, steering E. by N when possible,
Lat. 62 - 09 N.
Long. 81 - 20. W.

Sept 11th

Commences with a strong breeze from the N. with frequent snow-squalls, At 10 A.M. passed some land to the South of us supposed to be Mansell Island, about 12 miles distant, steering S.E.

Sept 12th.

Commences with a strong breeze from the North, hauling later on to N.W.
At daylight Charles Island bearing South distant about 8 miles,
At 5-30 P.M, raised the land to the N.W. and kept off from S by E. to S.S.W.
saw a few icebergs to-day.
At dark snow-squalls so took in some sail.
Lat. 62.52 N.
Long. 72 - 8 W.

Sept. 13th.

A strong breeze from N.W. with snow-squalls vessel under all possible sail steering out of Hudson Straits.
At 11 P.M. by our reckoning passed out of the straits.
Saw several ice-bergs. to-day

Sept. 14th

A moderate gale from W.N.W. the vessel running under all possible sail, steering S. and latter part S. by W. One ice-berg to-day.
At 3 P.M. Lat. 60°16. N.
Long. 60°36. W.

Sept. 15th.

Commes in with a light breeze from the Westward, and continues so all day Employed, at work in rigging, and reeving off new running rigging

Sept. 16th.

Commes in with a moderate breeze from the N.W. vessel under all sail, steering S.S.W. In the afternoon scraped one head of bone, At dark the wind moderating, and a thick fog, wind hauling more to the South, the vessel on the Starboard tack, heading to the Eastward.

Sept. 17th.

A strong breeze from the Southward. the vessel on the Starboard tack heading to the Eastward.
Scraped another head of bone to-day.

Sept. 18th.

Blowing a fresh breeze from the South
the vessel under short sail,
Broke out provisions and water to-day
Latter part thick fog.

Sept 19th.

A strong breeze from the N. W.
Under all sail steering for the Straits
of Belle Isle.

Sept. 20th

Comes in with a light S.W. wind,
hauling in the forenoon to the N. W.
and breezing up strong at 1 P.M. made
the land in Lat° 53. Then steered
S.W. by. S. and saw Belle Isle at 6 P.M.
then wind light and hauling to S. W.
through the night working tack and tack
into the Straits.
Saw a few fishing schooners to-night.

Sept. 21st.

A fresh breeze from the S. W.
In the morning at 6 A.M. passed inside of
Belle Island, saw numbers of fishing
vessels, and 2 steamers. and worked tack-
and tack all day, At 6 P.M. when 10 miles
W. of Cape Norman breezing up strong, kept
off to run out of the Straits again
At 10 P.M. the wind hauled suddenly
and we stood back into the Straits again
At 12 M. passed Cape Norman, steering W. by. N

Sept 22nd.

Light airs and calms, steering W. by N. when possible,
Stowed 5 casks of salt-water in the hold to-day.
Latter part breezing up fresh from the N.E.

Sept. 23rd.

Blowing a fresh gale from the N.E. with rain, the vessel running before it, under short sail.
Latter part weather clearing made more sail

Sept. 24th

A fresh breeze from the N.W.
At daylight sighted Cape Ray. N.F.
At Noon passed St Paul, Island.
Weather very moderate, and a heavy swell
Washed one head of bone to-day.
At sunset Calm.

Sept. 25th.

A moderate breeze from the N.W.
At 7 A.M. passed Scaterie Cape Breton Isl.
Middle and latter parts weather nearly calm, washed one head and a half of bone to-day.
Saw a couple of steamers,

Sept. 26th.

A strong breeze from the S.W. the vessel working down the coast of Nova Scotia. At 10 A.M. put letters on board of a fishing boat off Torbay Harbor.
Finished washing and bundleing our bone, to-day.
Several coasting vessels in sight.

Sept. 27th.

Fine weather with a moderate breeze from the S.W. working tack and tack down the coast of Nova Scotia
Saw several coasting vessels to-day.

Sept. 28th.

Comes in with a light breeze from S.W. Middle part. wind hauling to the N.W.
To-day our Trestle-trees in the Fore top carried away so that we lashed them to the head of the Fore mast.
Also mended our jib-top-sail.
Scraped the Mainmast to-day.

Sept. 29th.

Light variable winds, and calms.
Steering W. by. S. when possible
At dark Cape Sable bearing N.N.W. distant 15 miles.
Washed the vessel inside to-day.

Sept. 30

Strong Southerly wind the vessel working in to-ward the coast.
put more lashings around our Fore-top-mast. to-day

Oct. 1st.

Light air from the Southward
At. 11 A.M. saw a pilot boat but did not speak him.
At 1 P.M. until 7 P.M. light variable winds then breezing up light from N.W.
Made Neigh-land light at 1 P.M.

Oct 2nd

Comes in with a light breeze from the North.
At 6 A.M. passed Pollock Rip Lightship and at Noon were off Cottage City. M. V.
Weather light with frequent rain-squalls.
Latter part. fog squalls
At 5 P.M took a Pilot off Cuttyhunk.
At 11 P.M. anchored off Clarks Point.

Oct. 3rd.

At 8 A.M. took tug. Nellie. and at 9-30 and ~~anchored~~ made fast to the wharf. So ends the voyage.

Whales seen by John Esra. 1895-1896.

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Sept. 17 At Yellow Bluff saw 3 whales and took one. S.B.

24th

1896. Whale Point " 1 " one rising, no luck.

May 22nd. At Cape Fullerton saw 2 whales no success

June 18th. " " " " 1 " " " "

July 3rd " " " " 1 " " " "

" 4th. " " " " 1 " " " "

Aug. 15th A little South of Wager River, in shore. took one S.B.

" 16 " " " " " " " " no luck

" 27 " " " " " " " " " "

Sept 2nd " 10 miles S.W. of Whale Point " "